

Claims

[c1] I claim:

1. A tape barrier, display, or warning comprising:
a tape of flexible material having two generally parallel edges and substantially greater length than width, with cuts made into the tape at selected intervals along the tape defining
a) a plurality of pennants, each pennant comprising at least one edge, said pennants alternating with
b) a plurality of connecting bands, each band comprising two ends and two edges,
wherein each band is connected at one end to one adjacent pennant and at the other end to the other adjacent pennant;
wherein at least a portion of one edge of each band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of an adjacent pennant; and,
wherein at least a portion of either edge of the same band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of the other adjacent pennant;
such that longitudinal tension on the tape will cause the edges of the bands to separate from the edges of the adjacent pennants, thereby substantially increasing the

length of the tape, thus forming a series of spaced apart pennants connected by bands.

- [c2] 2. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is such that at least a portion of one edge of each band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of an adjacent pennant and at least a portion of the other edge of that same band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of the other adjacent pennant.
- [c3] 3. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is such that at least a portion of one edge of each band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of an adjacent pennant and another portion of the same edge of that band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of the other adjacent pennant.
- [c4] 4. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is such that one end of each band is nearer to one edge of the tape, and the other end of the same band is nearer to the other edge of the tape.
- [c5] 5. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is such that both ends of each band are nearer to one edge of the tape than to the other edge of the tape.
- [c6] 6. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is a repeated series of Y-shapes, the stem of each suc-

cessive Y-shape terminating at an opposite edge of the tape.

- [c7] 7. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is a repeated series of essentially transverse lines, each line extending from an edge of the tape substantially toward the other edge of the tape.
- [c8] 8. The tape barrier of claim 7 wherein the repeated series of lines is two from one edge of the tape and two from the other edge of the tape.
- [c9] 9. The tape barrier of claim 8 wherein the spacing between the lines alternates from being relatively wide to relatively narrow.
- [c10] 10. The tape barrier of claim 7 wherein the repeated series of lines is two from one edge of the tape and then one from the other edge of the tape.
- [c11] 11. The tape barrier of claim 10 wherein the spacing between said two lines is relatively wide and the spacing between each of said two lines and said one line is relatively narrow.
- [c12] 12. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein at least some of the cuts terminate with stress relief holes.
- [c13] 13. The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein at least some of

the cuts are incomplete.

[c14] 14. The tape barrier of claim 13 wherein at least some of the incomplete cuts do not pass through the tape.

[c15] 15. The tape barrier of claim 13 wherein at least some of the incomplete cuts are discontinuous.